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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR STAFFDEL O'MALIA

REF: STATE 139209

¶1. Embassy warmly welcomes and grants country clearance to Mr. Scott O'Malia, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee and accompanying Staffdel to travel to Madrid, Seville, Port of Algeciras and Granada, Spain on or about October 6 to October 12. The purpose of the visit is to tour solar and bio-refinery facilities.

¶2. James Dudley, Economic Counselor will be the Embassy point of contact for this visit. He can be reached at embassy number 011 34 91-58734 91 587 2288, blackberry number 011 34 620-900-161. His email address is DudleyJL@state.gov. Lourdes Lamela is the administrative and logistics contact and she can be reached via email LamelaLM@state.gov.

¶3. Logistical support will be provided in Madrid, Seville, the Port of Algeciras and Granada per reftel and email correspondence. Hotel reservations and logistical confirmation will be sent via email. Post requests fiscal data cover James Dudley's travel to sites to accompany and assist the Staffdel with their appointments and travel.

¶4. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and official passports coming to Spain on official business need to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival to Spain.

¶5. Post can provide DoS email access via OpenNet (unclassified system) to State Department travelers who have active OpenNet accounts. Post can also support users who wish to access their email accounts using FOBs or OWA. Exchange 5.5 users (ask your system manager to provide Exchange server version) who have to use remote login to access their exchange email accounts will need to provide Post's IM section with the name of their DoS Domain and their Exchange Server name and/or IP address.

¶6. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and other large cities in Spain -- including resort/convention areas such as Benidorm -- attract a large number of criminals and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only essential items including a photocopy of your passport's photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings. In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at 91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or

the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest convenience. Additional information regarding safety and security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of State's website (www.embusa.es).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department of State continues to develop information on any potential security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible threat information through its Consular Information Program documents, available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from their fax machine.

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